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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 1:6.

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HEALING AND HEALTH

The Lord's People Are Expected to Trust God For Both.

Dishonor His Name to Resort to Remedies.

It is just as reasonable to believe what the Bible teaches about healing for the bodies as what it says about the forgiveness of sins or other blessings for the soul. Ever since I began to read the Bible for myself I have seen healing for the body as plain as salvation for the soul.

No doubt many of the lovers of the Evangel have formed new resolutions now at the beginning of the new year, and probably some who have hitherto not been able to trust God for healing, have decided to turn a new leaf in this respect and trust Him wholly this year.

If any have made such a resolution as this I wish to encourage them by saying that they could scarcely make a better decision; and now that they have made it they can do nothing better for themselves for the entire year than to keep their vow faithfully all the year through. Solomon, the wise man, says, "Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay." (Eccl. 5:5.)

The Lord is better pleased with His children when they stick to their word and obey Him. He does not take pleasure in those that draw back. The writer of Hebrews says, "If any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." (Heb. 10:28.) Jesus also referred to this same thing when He said, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looketh back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62.)

While nothing can be a greater blessing to mankind than the salvation of the soul, I regard God's provisions for healing and health almost equal to it. In the Bible the two go hand in hand—salvation for the soul and healing for the body. "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." (Psalm 103:3.) "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: . . . and with his stripes we are healed." (Isa. 53:5.) Jesus carried this over into the New Testament when He said, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, 'Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.'" (Math. 8:17.)

It is unreasonable for people to trust the Lord for the salvation of their souls and when they get sick resort to physicians and remedies. If God had given such instructions I would not say a word, but as it is, it is our duty and blessed privilege to trust Him for healing as well as salvation. When Jesus was here He forgave sins and healed diseases. He commissioned His disciples to go and heal diseases, but did not give them power to forgive sins, except trespasses one against another.

I hear of some people that are

baptized with the Holy Ghost, that take medicine. This is certainly inconsistent. It is serious enough for only converted people to take medicine, but when those who claim the Holy Ghost take medicine there is room to question their sincerity.

Jesus makes the way very close and plain when He says, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 7:21.) I do not see how people can be doing the will of the Father and take medicine, when the Father has arranged for their healing by the power of God. Then if it is not His will for His people to take medicine, and they go on and do it against His will, they surely forfeit their right to the kingdom of heaven. Following this analogy it is not out of place to say that when a person that is filled with the Holy Ghost resorts to medicine in time of sickness he is fallen from grace. The Lord's people are expected to trust God for both healing and health, and if they are tried and tested they should still trust God.

Roy Miller said, "Papa, if I cannot live for Jesus, I can die for Him, I will not take medicine." He died and went to glory, but he did not take medicine. Since that time many of our people have been transplanted to glory with a similar faith and trust in God.

It has always occurred to me that if God had intended for His people to take medicine, He would have told them to do it. But there is not a verse or a line in the Scripture that gives the least hint that God intends for His saints to use remedies. If it is contrary to His Word and contrary to His will for us to take medicine then we dishonor His name to resort to remedies.

When the lame man that sat at the Beautiful gate was healed, Peter answered the gazing crowd by saying, "Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus." (Acts. 3:12,13.)

Some people seem to be afraid to trust their bodies in the hands of God alone as if they thought medicine had more power than God. By such fears they dishonor His name. I should rather think they ought to be afraid to trust anything else but God. It seems to me that people possess but very little of the grace of God if any at all, if they turn aside from the Lord and His way of healing and look to physicians and remedies.

We read in the Bible of one person that resorted to medicine

in time of sickness and he died. The record indicates that he died because he resorted to medicine instead of trusting the Lord. I believe there have been similar cases in our day. When the test came they gave way, and their relatives were not careful to hold them up in faith so they called the physician. When he came he poured in the poison medicine and the Lord was grieved and soon they were gone. The Lord's people are expected to trust God for healing; and, if, after they have followed the directions given in the Bible God does not heal them, it is better to die than to disobey God and live. And it is certainly a gloomy picture to think of going into the presence of God doped up with medicine.

I have heard some say that they could very easily trust the Lord for themselves, but they could not do it so well for their children, but I would much rather risk my children in the hands of God than under the doctor's care for him to dope with strong medicine that the human body was never created to receive or endure. I would not want to run the risk of taking the little ones out of the hands of God for healing when Jesus says, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." (Luke 18:16.)

The child does not want the medicine. Its system revolts at the very appearance and taste of it, but the parents often hold it and force poison into it, and thus wrench it from the arms of Jesus who was striped for their healing.

God's plan for us to be healed is given by the different writers of the Bible. James says that the sick shall call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over them and anoint with oil. Jesus tells believers to lay hands on the sick and in either case the Lord heals them. (Jas. 5:13-16; Mark 16:18.) "The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up." What better promise does anybody want?

Clifty, Ky.

Dear Saints of God:

I want to honor the name of Jesus through the Evangel for what He has done for me. Praise His dear name! He has been in our home since last February; wife and I received the Holy Ghost on that day.

He has been so precious to us. He has healed our bodies many times. We have not taken any medicine nor given any to our children. We just trust Jesus.

We have been having some fine meetings this week. The power of God was certainly manifested in the service last night. One sister received the baptism with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Hallelujah!

We ask the saints to pray for us that we may stand firm for our Savior and be ready to do just what He wants us to do. Pray for the little band here that they may not be misled. The devil roars around here but God has promised to never leave nor forsake us.

Your brother in Christ,
R. O. Settle.

PAYING TITHES A BLESSING

Did Not Have Its Beginning With The Law of Moses And Did Not End With it.

Cheap Rent For All of God's Blessings.

Some people seem to look at tithing as a kind of bondage. This is the wrong way to look at it. Malachi, the last one of the Old Testament prophets declares that people who do not pay tithes are cursed with a curse. This expression of the prophet has been ignored by thousands of Bible readers. They have usually tried to make it apply to the Jews or others and not to themselves.

They remind me of the experience of a certain preacher I read of several years ago. When he first went to his pastorate he began to preach about the awfulness of the sins of the Jews. His congregation liked him fine. Later on he began to preach about the sins of his own church and congregation. They became dissatisfied with him at once and appointed a committee to wait on him. They said to him, "We want you to continue to preach about the sins of the Jews. Do not tell us of our sins." As he would not consent to their requirements, he was promptly dismissed.

People do not want to be pointed out and told that they are robbing God. David read out his own condemnation before the prophet said, "Thou art the man." This brought him down to repentance. It made him feel very bad at the time, but it worked out for his good. It hurts for the time being to be pointed out and condemned, but it will be a blessing to all who take it as David did.

Malachi says you are cursed with a curse if you do not pay tithes. The opposite of curse is bless, so we readily see that if one is cursed if he does not pay tithes he will be blest if he does pay tithes. With this brief analogy we conclude that paying tithes is a blessing to him who obeys this part of the Scripture. Then this same prophet continues by saying, "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:10.)

The paying of tithes did not have its origin with the law of Moses, but was practiced by Abraham and Jacob long before the law was given. It was only embraced in the law when the law was given. Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedec, and got blest at the same time, (Gen. 14:17-20.) four hundred years or more before Moses received the law at Mount Sinai.

The law had its end at the coming of John the Baptist according to the statement of Jesus: "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." (Luke 16:16.) But the tithe

paying did not stop there, it had the endorsement of Jesus long after that.

Jesus told the Pharisees that they ought to pay tithes, and surely He would not have done this if the tithing system had stopped with the law, and the law stopped at the beginning of John's ministry. I'm sure Jesus was far from mocking the Pharisees by telling them they ought to pay tithes when that system was out of order and dead. (Luke 11:42.) This very expression of Jesus is a proof that the tithing system did not stop when the law stopped.

In rehearsing the things of the law that were blotted out by Jesus, Paul names the meats and drinks, holy days, new moons, and sabbath days, (Col. 2:16.), but nowhere does he say the tithing system was blotted out. The things that were blotted out were some things that were known to be against us. But it is not known that paying tithes is against us. Yea, it is rather known to be a blessing to us to pay tithes. Paul says that the things that were against us were taken out of the way and nailed to the cross, but he does not once name the tithes in this respect.

In describing the priestly order that Jesus followed, the writer of Hebrews says He followed the order of Melchisedec, instead of the order of Aaron. The Aaron priesthood died with the law, but the Melchisedec priesthood continued on with Christ as the priest. The Melchisedec priesthood required paying tithes, so did the Aaronic priesthood. But when the law stopped the Aaronic priesthood stopped, but the Melchisedec priesthood goes right on, so the tithes of the Melchisedec priesthood continues. We, therefore, do not pay tithes because the law said pay them, but we pay tithes because we are following the order of Melchisedec as if the law never had been given. The tithing started before the law, and the law did not stop it. The law was added because of transgressions until Jesus came (Gal. 3:19), then the original order of Melchisedec and Abraham was continued as if there had been no law. Then if the order of the Melchisedec priesthood continues, which it does, (Heb. 6:20) the tithes have to continue in order to make it complete. This is made clear by the writer of Hebrews where he uses the tithes in his reference to Abraham and Melchisedec, and Aaron and the children of Israel. (Heb. 7:4-9.)

It is evident that the paying of tithes was an important matter under the Melchisedec priesthood or it would never have been mentioned. It was embraced in the law because it

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Paul left Trophimus sick at Miletum (2 Tim. 4:20,) but there is no account of him giving up the doctrine of healing on account of it.

Next Sunday, January 13, is Foreign mission day. Many of the churches have contributed liberally to this fund, but not all. I believe it will be a blessing to every church to respond to this call of the Assembly.

The Bible School is progressing very nicely. The scholars seem very much pleased with the course outlined and are working hard to master every study. There are only eleven enrolled now, but others are expected in soon.

We are doing our best to aid our brothers who have been called to the camps, and working hard to prevent others from going, but I do not know yet how matters will turn. We are trying to prove to the government that it is a matter of conscience and religious principles, that causes us to appeal for exemption.

Probably most of our friends have noticed that the British has captured Jerusalem and a large portion of Palestine. This means a removal of the Turks from the Holy land, and a return of the Jews to their own land, which is a fulfillment of prophecy. This is another sign of the near approach of the Lord's day of trouble and the coming of our Lord.

Every member of the church should read the Evangel every week. A failure to do this may cause them to miss getting some information that is very important. These days are full of happenings, and any day may produce results about which our people should be informed. If they do not know these things they may find out too late what they have missed.

Hope every friend and lover of the Evangel will do their utmost to put the paper into new homes, and thus extend the circulation, and further the message where it ought to go. We must all work together, and put forth a little more energy this year to spread the glorious news. I wish to kindly insist that every member make special effort to get at least one subscription now. Do not wait till later do it now. Surely each one can do this much for Jesus and His Church, and help us too. God bless you all.

Circleville, Ohio.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

In our service on New Year eve we had a glorious time. The power fell in a wonderful way. The saints gave thrilling testimonies and there was singing and dancing and a message in other tongues under the power of the Spirit.

The Lord is wonderfully blessing the Church here. We feel glad that the Church of God was ever set in order at Circleville.

It has been about one year since I received the Holy Ghost ever since.

Your brother in Christ,
 E. C. Wagner.

Linden, Fla.

Dear Brother:

I am praising God for salvation that keeps every day. I praise Him for the Holy Ghost who speaks in other tongues.

I praise the Lord for healing my body. I have been trusting Him for five years. He is my all and in all.

We are trying to build a church here at Linden. Please pray that God will help us and supply the needs.

I desire your prayers that I may do more for Jesus this year than ever before.

Your brother in Christ,
 J. G. Hatcher.

Wauwassee, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I was saved and sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost about four years ago. Then the Lord called me to preach His Word.

I have believed in holiness ever since I was a child, and I am now twenty-six years old. I remember of asking my mother one day if there were not some people some where called the "holy band." We had never heard holiness preached in our country at that time, so she knew of none and told me about the Methodists and Baptists but that didn't satisfy me. But I thank God because I have found the holy band now. I feel the Spirit burning in my heart. Oh, glory to His name!

I have been preaching ever since I got this wonderful salvation. I am not tired of the way. I have the "go ye" in my heart which keeps me going day and night preaching this everlasting gospel. I love to tell the dying world what great things the Lord has done for me and what He will do for them.

Dear reader, if those who do their whole duty are unprofitable servants, what about those who fail to do their duty? We can live this life but once, let us be faithful doers of the Word.

Some people say they would do anything for the Lord if they knew what He wanted them to do. He wants them to read His Word and do what it says. Some say they want to be led by the Spirit. Very well, Jesus says, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." If we do what Jesus says, we will be led by the Spirit.

Everybody ought to go and hear the Word of God preached. Your faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Christians should attend prayer meeting and preaching services regularly. There is danger of backsliding in failing to attend services.

Let us all read our Bible and do what it says, and pray more this year than we ever have before.

I ask an interest in the prayers of the saints that I may always be a doer of the Word and be used of God in bringing souls to Him.

Yours in the Master's service,
 Arthur Fortner.

LOYAL CHRISTIANS ARE PATTERNS

PERRY W. HADSOCK.

"In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil things to say of you." Titus 2:7,8.

It is nature for one to pattern after another in almost all vocations of life. We as children of God should be sure we present the right kind of pattern. The world is looking on. We testify to such a high standard of religion, therefore they look for the goods.

It seems that some think that as long as they can testify to a high standard, that alone is sufficient; but the time is approaching, yea, is even here, when the goods must be presented. Paul says, "In ALL things shewing thyself a pattern of good works." Then there is no exception.

The first mentioned is "doctrine." Shewing uncorruptness in doctrine. The enemy works so hard to corrupt the doctrine of Jesus, but we, by a close walk with our God and careful study of His Word, can present the original pattern in doctrine.

The next is "sound speech that cannot be condemned." Do we do this? Do we so guard our conversation that sinners cannot find a flaw in it? "He that offendeth not in word, the same is a perfect man." There is a place in Christ that we can live that His life will be exemplified in ours. The days of sorrow are here and the world is looking for Jesus in our lives. Why? Because we say we have Him.

Sound speech! Are we as holy in our conversation as we should be? If not, why? We often hear saints when in service, say, "Let the Holy Ghost have His way;" that we all should do; but what about letting Him have His way when out among the world? We are disloyal if we don't honor the Holy Ghost everywhere, in worship, in our conversation, in our general deportment. Paul says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit." When you find yourself about to engage in light, chaffy conversation, don't grieve the Holy Ghost for He will surely check you if He is abounding in your heart and life.

Oh that each of us could see what God requires of us! Are we loyal to our Savior, He who said, "Ye (my disciples) are the light of the world?" Are our lives such that one who wants to make heaven his home could pattern after? Is our conversation such that we at all times can welcome Jesus?

As we take a retrospective view of our past Christian life, we can see so many opportunities to set a good example that we have lost.

We can so live that our presence will condemn the wrong; but never will this be the case as long as we are so careless about where we go, how we act, what we say, etc. If we are loyal to our King and His church, others can pattern after us with no fear of going wrong.

Some one is watching to see what you do, some one is waiting to follow you, too; some one will fail if you do not prove true.

Letter From Sister Lillian Trasher of Assiout, Egypt.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Your very kind letter was received, also the kind offering of five dollars (\$5.00) for which the children thank you very much and ask God's richest blessings upon you for all of your kindness to us.

Thank Miss Iris for her very welcome letter. Ask her to excuse me for not answering it this time as I am very busy today.

Where are Brother and Sister Lemons now? I often think of them. When you see them please give them my best regards. Also Brother and Sister Perry.

Oh I wonder if I shall ever see you dear people again! I am tied here now by my eighty children and I guess the Lord means for me to stay here. As my heart is here it is no hard job, but a real delight. I love my home folks but they don't need me and my children do.

O! I do praise God that He gives me strength to do all there is to be done, and He always sends us just enough. My expenses are about \$250.00 per month. Nearly every bit of it comes from Egypt. See how great our God is! He has said, "Ask and ye shall receive," also, "Your heavenly Father knoweth what things ye have need of." Our God is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Thank you, dear brother, for helping with the feeding and clothing of God's little ones.

Your sister,
 Lillian Trasher.

Walhalla, S. C.

Dear Readers:

How it cheers my lonely life to read the testimonies of the blood-washed saints.

I praise God this morning for the blessed Christ who came to this sin-cursed world and brought salvation to us, brought us back into favor with God, filled us with peace and love and good will to men. Glory to His name!

Praise His name this morning! He saved and sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. He testified of Jesus according to Jesus' word. I am His witness of these things, but it is glory that cannot be expressed in words. Tears of gratitude to God run down my cheeks because He has put me in this way. I want to spread the glorious news of salvation as long as I live.

Yours in Christ,
 L. M. Boemer.

Lenoir City, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I joined the Baptist Church about twenty years ago and about three months ago I received the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues. I am so glad I can say, "I am one of them." The Holy Ghost abides continually.

There are some true saints here. People are being healed in answer to their prayers. I hope the Lord will send us a preacher.

I appreciate the Evangel; it does my soul good. Please pray for us that we may overcome all temptations and stand true till Jesus comes or calls.

Mrs. B. G. Martin.

Talbot, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for the increase of faith since I saw the light on the Scriptures.

My soul has been made to rejoice many times since the great feast at the Assembly. It was wonderful to me as it was the first one I ever attended, but I do not mean for it to be the last.

I never heard of the Assembly until Brother Trim and his wife told me about it in their meeting which they conducted at Talbot.

I have heard holiness preached at different times during the past eleven years. About eleven years ago I saw a man healed who before could not walk, but I could hardly believe my own eyes. The matter rocked along until Brother Trim and his wife came to Talbot; then I became more interested, indeed I became enthused over the matter. They intreated me to go to the Assembly with them and I went. I am just praising the Lord for it.

I can see now why the Lord did not let me join some creed. People tried very hard to get me to join the Baptist and Methodist churches. My father entreated me to join the Baptist church, but I could find no such church in the Bible. I saw that none of them were living up to the standard and thought I could live just as well outside as in any of them.

When I was a little boy four years old my mother died; on her deathbed she drew me to her and said: "Willie, my child, meet me in heaven. May God bless and save my child." By the help of God I mean to meet her there. Glory to God! I am so glad I have the light.

When I was a young man I could see that people were not living what they professed. Even preachers would kneel down and ask the Lord to forgive them of their sins. Then they would preach "Dead to sin and alive unto Christ." It seemed to me that one sinner had just as well preach as another: I was always in a worse condition when I went away from the meeting than when I went.

I studied the question a great deal. One day as I was at my work where I had a corner of land cut off by itself, I stood studying over this great question; suddenly I said: "Sometime I will build a house on this corner and call it 'God's house.'"

Then as I pondered the question I thought if I called it God's house no one would visit it, so thought of giving it the name of a denomination, but I said: "No, never, for they are not living according to the teaching of the Bible." As I knew of no Church of God except as mentioned in the Bible I was at the end of my row.

Finally when I heard of the Church of God my heart leaped for joy. I am now endeavoring to get the house built. I am in a hard place, but I am going to hold up the banner if I die by it. People seldom come to see me. I haven't the fullness of the blessing but I am praying for it. I am willing to do anything for Jesus and His cause. Glory to His name!

A respectable house for the Church of God will cost three or four hundred dollars. I am having some difficulty in getting it erected; if any of the brethren or sisters desire to render any assistance it will be appreciated.

Yours for Jesus,
 W. E. Hill.

"Be Thou Faithful Unto Death."

SAM O. PERRY.

"And they that are with Him are called and chosen and faithful." Rev. 17:14.

The occasion of this text is the final overthrow of the powers of the wicked, when Jesus and His hosts shall triumph and the glory so long foretold shall be given to the people of God. His faithful ones then stand with Him.

Notice, He does not say the "professors" or the "church members," or "Holiness people" or "Pentecostal people" are with Him, but the CALLED, CHOSEN, and FAITHFUL. Nothing will stand the test there but the genuine article.

In the present world it is rather difficult to distinguish sometimes between the true saints of God and those who are not true, but there will be no difficulty then to know; every man will appear in His true light.

It will be a gathering or mustering in of all the faithful of all ages. Faithful Abraham and all his spiritual children will be there. It will be worth all the self-denial, sacrifice, labor, hardships and everything else that it may possibly cost to be permitted to stand with the victors in that day.

God has had His faithful ones from the earliest of His dealings with men, but the magnitude of their numbers will not be known until that time when He shall gather them from the east and west and north and south to set down with Him in His kingdom. It will then be a great host, though for the present they may be a despised and persecuted few.

These faithful ones have been preparing for this occasion for many thousands of years. From the patriarchal age they ministered to God, watched and waited, and in the day of the prophets walked with God and proved their faith in Him.

In Nehemiah 7:2, we read of Hanani who "was a faithful man and feared God above many," for the reason of his faithfulness he was given "charge over Jerusalem."

In Psalms 101:6 God says, "Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way he shall serve me." God could not trust any but the faithful, nor could He depend on any other with the affairs of His church and kingdom. He is still looking for faithful men to carry forward His work on earth and to deliver His messages to men. Some who are not after His heart may "creep in," but in the process of time they will be shown up and classed where they belong.

All of God's witnesses and representatives are true and honest. God says "faithful witnesses will not lie," so there is nothing crooked or dishonest in God's faithful ones. We once heard a brother say the saints had been lying on him, and we have seen cases where those who professed to be saints were accused of spreading things that were false, but, God's faithful ones do not lie.

We have known some who professed a very high state of grace, but also have the name of being "poor pay" when it comes to meeting their financial obligations. Such had as well "lie" with their lips, for a dishonest man is no better in God's sight

than a "lying saint." A man who will take your money or goods with the understanding that he is to pay and then neglects it, and makes no effort to meet his obligations is dishonest and crooked at heart, therefore is far from the class of the faithful.

Saint Paul speaks of "faithful men." If we are to have men who are faithful in teaching or preaching or working for God we must have men who are faithful in all the affairs of life. A man who is reckless and careless in material matters could not be a good minister until he learned to govern or control himself in the smaller matters of life. He might be a good speaker and appear good in public, but if the smaller things of his life were allowed to go unchecked he'd do more harm by his life than he could do good with his words. That's one trouble among us now, some are found to be "big preachers" or "deep preachers" or "good men" when in the pulpit away from home, but whose lives do not bear inspection at home and in many of their business transactions, to that they could never be called "faithful men." Brethren, we have got to come to the mark or we can't wear the tag, that's all there is to it. For Jesus says "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." Luke 15:10.

How many are looking for opportunities to do big things and fill important places, but if you are compensated to fill larger places and do greater things it will show in the way you do the few smaller things that come your way. When God sees that your field is too small to take up your powers and ability, He will enlarge your territory. Watch and see if this is not true. God will not shut you in a corner where there are no possibilities for the exercise of the faith and love and power in your heart.

In the crowning day it shall be said to some: "Well thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities." Luke 19:17. If a man would not be faithful in little things, on a small scale, would he be faithful if put in charge of greater things, and a more responsible place? Certainly not. If a man were dishonest in small matters, he would likely be still worse if greater things were in his care, for then would be with this increased trust, greater possibilities for the development of the evil of his heart.

Saint Paul declares that a steward of the mysteries of God is required to be faithful. 1 Cor. 4:2. It is not a matter of choice with us, but if we are to be counted in with those who hold these secrets of the wonderful things of God, we must be found faithful. This faithfulness is in all things, not merely in public but in every day life and under all circumstances, for our life and faithfulness is unto God and not to men, and God is looking at us all the time, whether in public service or private life God's eye is upon us and weighing every thought, word and the very intent of the heart, and we are told that if we keep the whole law and yet offend in one point, we are guilty of all. Jas. 2:10.

Saint Paul in different places

speaks of "faithful ministers." They surely are the stay of the church, while Jesus is our head. He carries on His work through His faithful ministers who declare His will to all His followers.

These helpers of the Lord leave their tracks every where they go. They, by their faith and love, bring encouragement to the flock of God. They lift up the Savior, and show His faithfulness to all the earth. Some profess to be the faithful of the Lord, but fleece the flock and fail of the fruits and graces of the Spirit, for a time deceive and pass as the faithful of the Lord, but their works and spirit soon show them up and the true of the Lord detect them.

One of this kind may come with a good face and seem to give out the truth of Jesus, and for a time hold the attention of the people, but by the time he leaves a few debts unpaid, gives undue attention to the opposite sex or shows an evil spirit otherwise, he has proven that he is not one of God's faithful ones who is doing all his will and lifting up Jesus to the lost and dying world.

God's faithful ones are in for the length of this war. Jesus said, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—Rev. 2:10.

They have gone too far, have suffered too much to turn back now. Victory seems near at hand, the time of the crowning approaches, and though the way may seem long, they will not give up. The heights must be scaled, the foe must be finally conquered, and the promises are to us; our great Captain is leading and assures us over and over that He will not forsake His own, so we are going on.

New difficulties will arise, yea are arising all along the journey, but we have overcome in the past and we can yet. No matter what new tactics may be adopted by the foe, we will finally overcome and stand with the Lamb.

We are willing to be burden bearers, toilers, or any thing. We will sacrifice, and suffer for Him; we will bear the cross. Yes we will go all the way to stand among the faithful in that day is our aim at any cost.

Notice.

I would like for some man and his wife, (members of the Church of God), who have little or no furniture to live with me and make a crop on shares. I will board them free if they will do my house work.

I have three children, two boys and one girl. The boys are nine and eleven years and the girl eight months of age.

I have a good house, smooth land that is ordinarily good.

J. H. Davis,
Armuchee, Ga.

Ethelsville, Ala.

Dear Evangel Readers:

We have just closed a great meeting at Empire, Ala. Quite a number were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and the church in general built up. We shall never know the good that was accomplished in that meeting until we reach heaven's gate.

We had with us Brother W. F. Bryant of Cleveland, Tenn. Many grand messages were given and interpreted. Fire was handled by the saints with no hurt. Many times the great congregation would be melted to tears, then again the very glory of heaven would flood our souls until we would have to shout "glory!"

Precious brethren and sisters of the Church of God, in spite of all opposing powers, let's be

true a few days longer and the great battle will be over and we shall rise to meet Jesus in the air with shouts of victory.

Z. D. Simpson,
pastor.

Center Hill, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for victory through the blood of Jesus. As for myself I am so weak, but praise His name I can say that His blood will cleanse from all sin. I am so glad He ever saved me. I was very deep in sin. About one year ago He sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. It is my heart's desire to see souls saved.

I am glad to have had the privilege of reading the last great conflict; it has been food to my soul.

May God's great searchlight be thrown upon all of us that we may see ourselves just as we are that we may be more humble before God.

I desire the prayers of all the saints.

Your brother in Christ,
T. H. Miller.

Moorman, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Readers of the Evangel:

It has been nearly a year since I received the wonderful baptism with the Holy Ghost, and it has been the most wonderful year of my life. The Lord has given me victory on every line. There have been some hard battles with the enemy but praise the Lord, I have known what it is for God to fight my battles for me and there has never been a battle lost.

God has called for a little mission in our home; the enemy has tried every way to bring reproach upon the work but we are steadily gaining ground.

There are just two of us who have the baptism. We have services every Thursday and Saturday night at 7:00 P. M. and Sunday at 2:00 P. M. If any of the ministers of the church pass through we shall be glad to have them stop with us.

The Evangel is a great help to me. It is such an encouragement to me when the enemy tries to discourage.

Pray for the work here.

Your sister,
Mrs. Leslie Dwire.

Akron, Ohio.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for victory. I praise Him for touching the hearts of many at this place. Souls are being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and are shouting the victory.

Everything has not been so smooth since I've been here, but we cannot expect that while the powers of the enemy are so strong. When everything is against us is the time to say, "I am going through," and hold on and see the glory of God.

When we first came here everything looked dark; we could not get a place to hold services for a long time but we did not become discouraged but looked to God for a way to be opened up and He answered prayer. We have a place now here in South Akron. The Lord is wonderfully blessing and many are seeing the truth. We are expecting to have another church here; there are two now. Please pray that this place may be won for God.

Your humble brother,
F. M. Sweesey.

Lenoir City, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

A little over three years ago the Lord wonderfully saved me, and when I heard the first sermon on holiness I believed it. But we were taught that the experience of sanctification was the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and we accepted it as such. My husband and I both received the experience of sanctification and really thought we had all there was for us. We had never heard any teaching on the baptism with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, so we knew nothing about it except what enemies to the truth told. We were entirely in the dark.

But about one year ago we came to Lenoir City and heard the first preaching on this subject. As we had been taught that we had the Holy Ghost we began to oppose, but God in His infinite love and mercy was patient with us. Praise His dear name! By and by I began to see the truth, and when the devil saw I was believing he began to work. He told me that if I would just keep quiet and not let anyone know that I believed, and get the experience at home, that my husband and other opposers would be convinced that it was of God. But of course the devil is a liar from the beginning; he knew that I would never get the baptism until I was willing to let the world know that I wanted it.

I went on this way for a while but finally realized that I must take the decisive step; so I began to go to the altar. This stirred the devil and he began working in other ways. It was some time before I realized just what the trouble was, and it seemed that I could hardly overcome. It looked as if the devil were going to get the victory.

During this time my husband was taken away to the army. I never realized until a few days ago that it was because of my failure to obey God.

Finally, one night in October I said 'good bye' to everything and the dear Lord wonderfully baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterances. Praise God forever!

Oh, I can never praise the Lord enough for His goodness to me! I want to live every day for Jesus and try to win some soul for Him.

I want to warn all who read this to never do as I have done but when the light shines on your pathway, walk in it; for truly the way of the transgressor is hard. It pays to obey God.

I want all the saints to pray for me that I may always obey God; also pray for my husband that he may be released from the army and receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost. I am trusting God for victory. Praise His name forever!

Your sister under the blood,
Amanda Rosenbaum.

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Talked of God's own holy way;
Saint and sinner came together
Just to listen, sing and pray.
Church of God in all the Bible
Is the only one that's found;
And if you had been at Harriman,
You'd have found our doctrine sound.
Jesus Christ, He was the builder
And He laid the pattern down;
You and I His steps must follow
If we wish to wear a crown.
Come unto the fount for cleansing,
Jesus will the blood apply;
And the Holy Ghost will enter
If unto the world you'll die.
Yes, it was the thirteenth time
That this Church of God has met,
Searched the Bible for the pattern,
Jesus left for them to get.
You will join when we are perfect?
No, my friend, you'll be too late;
In the day we are perfected,
We'll go sweeping through the gate.

Armuchee, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still praising God for full
salvation.

We received a blessed refresh-
ing shower from the presence of
the Lord today. Brother Goins
gave out the Word with wonder-
ful power. Two souls were saved.
Praise the name of the
Lord!

I mean to go all the way with
Jesus. Praise His dear name!

I request the saints to pray for
my brother-in-law that he may
receive the Holy Ghost. He is
a believer and is seeking the ex-
perience.

Your brother in Jesus,
V. R. Teems.

Valdosta, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for Jesus
who came in the likeness of sin-
ful flesh, and for sin condemned
sin in the flesh, that we may not
live any longer in sin, but in holi-
ness and righteousness unto
God. Bless His name! "He
was wounded for our transgres-
sions, he was bruised for our
iniquities; the chastisement of
our peace was upon him; and
with his stripes we are healed."
Isa. 53: 5.

I am praising God for the pow-
er in the blood that will heal
the body and cleanse the soul.
Glory to God!

At our watch-night meeting
the Lord was with us in a won-
derful way. There was shouting,
singing, dancing and talking in
tongues. The service continued
until 4:00 a. m. A sister was
healed and Sister Washington
received a wonderful baptism
with the Holy Ghost. She
talked in tongues as the Spirit
gave utterance. Bless the name
of Jesus!

Brothers Spencer and Toombs
are seeking the baptism; pray for
them that they may receive the
desire of their hearts.

May God bless you all. Pray
for me.

Your humble servant,
Wm. Hudson.

Key West, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
Saints of God Everywhere:

This day has been one that
has brought my mind in touch
with heaven more vividly than
ever before. Since God saved me
and baptized me with the Holy
Ghost, I have never felt the

coming of Jesus so near as this
evening. Friends, I am looking
for Jesus to come and as sure as
we live the great day of God is
not far off.

Dear ones, as I stood in my
back yard yesterday and looked
up in the air at the air ships that
were flying around the city, my
eyes filled with tears. A friend
came over and said "Miss Lopez,
did you see the air ships?" "Yes
ma'am," I replied, "I saw them
and they brought tears to my
eyes, as I know that they are
pointing to the soon coming of
Jesus." Tears filled her eyes as
she said, "My heart feels so sad
when I see them because I feel
that something terrible is going
to happen." Glory to God! I
want to be ready to go and also
be able to help those around me
to get ready.

Some think it very strange
that I do not attend the big car-
nivals, picture shows and other
place of amusement, but thank
God, I have been redeemed by
the blood and horn of His Spirit;
therefore there is nothing in me
that desires to go to worldly
amusements.

I stood on the street corner
tonight and for a few moments I
noticed the thousands that
thronged the streets. Hundreds
of U. S. soldiers passed by; my
thoughts went up to God as I
thought of the thousands who
shall be brought up at the judg-
ment. Let us be ready to go
washed in the blood of the
Lamb.

Yours in Christ,
Ida Mae Lopez.

Gunton Park, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God this morning for
salvation full and free. I am
glad I ever found the way of
holiness. I praise Him for tak-
ing all worldliness away from
me.

Jesus is our physician; He
heals me and my two children
when our bodies are sick. He is
always ready to lend a helping
hand. I am so glad I ever
learned to trust Him for soul
and body.

He wonderfully healed my
mother, also. She was in a
dangerous condition. It seemed
that death was on her. The el-
ders of the church were sent for
and they came and prayed for
her but the enemy was so strong
we had to pray three times; but
victory came at last, thank God,
and she was healed. She says
she feels like one raised from
the dead.

There are some bitter opposers
here but I thank God because
there are so many who have re-
ceived the Holy Ghost and are
determined to go through.

I desire the prayers of the
saints that I may stay low and
humble at Jesus' feet till He
comes or calls.

Your sister,
Gertrude Lemons.

Santa Fe Springs, Cal.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
Evangel Rea lers:

Having been requested to
write a testimony regarding the
restoration of one of my eyes
which was suddenly put out, I
wish to give some of my expe-
rience previous to that time.

On Jan. 29, 1890, by the grace
of God, I was enabled to take
Jesus unconditionally for my
physician for all time to come.
At that time I was suffering
with catarrh and lumbago. I
had tried doctors and various
remedies without any permanent
relief and was scarcely able to
go about. I had tried to get

healed, had been anointed and
prayed for many times but failed
to get healing. In my extremity
I cried unto God, saying, "Lord,
why can't I be healed?" The
Lord answered, "You can if you
will let me have my way." I
said, "Lord, by thy grace I will."
I saw at once that I had been
putting up conditions to the Lord
on which I would accept healing
(I wanted to be made well im-
mediately), and I exclaimed,
"Lord, I now accept the healing
of my body if I never feel any
better!" The Lord immediately
answered, "You shall have your
heart's desire." I claimed the
promise—"What things soever
ye desire, when ye pray, believe
that ye receive them, and ye
shall have them—" and testified
that I was healed. My recov-
ery was very gradual, but to the
glory of God, I want to testify
that for twenty-five years I have
been free from both diseases.

Since that time I have been
healed many times of different
diseases. Some times the recov-
ery was instantaneous, at other
times very gradual, and some-
times without being asked for
definitely at the time.

The restoring of my eye was
a miracle of Sovereign love. In
August of 1903 I was stooping
under a horse examining a wound
that caused the animal to be
lame, when suddenly he raised
his foot and hit me in the left
eye with the cork of his shoe,
bursting the eye ball; the con-
tents of the eye instantly ran
out. The pain was intense but
the Lord instantly healed the
pain.

I walked to the house, called
my wife to the door and said:
"Wife, I've got one eye put out."
"Oh, I hope not," she answered.
I told her there was no use to
hope, that I had it in my hand
and threw it away. She then
examined the eye and said, "Yes,
there is nothing there but a
lump of clotted blood about the
size of a pea."

After she washed the blood off
of my face and bound up the eye
I went back to the barn to pray.
I didn't feel that it was neces-
sary to say much about it to the
Lord, however, I said, "Lord,
I don't understand why you have
allowed this to happen; you
know I have taken you for my
physician and if you want me
blind in one eye, all right, I
shall have no earthly doctor. Do
what you want to and I shall be
satisfied. Amen."

A few days later my wife again
examined the eye and was aston-
ished as she remarked that the
clotted blood had cleared away
and there was some growth of
the eye. Later she examined it
and observed each time that it
was getting larger. Presently
by holding the lids apart I could
discern daylight. The eye grew
more rapidly as it got larger un-
til it was perfect, and to the glory
of God I can say that instead of
being blind in one eye for four-
teen years, I have had two good
eyes.

Perhaps I should state that
this eye is not the same color but
is some darker than the other,
which causes it to be noticed and
often gives me opportunity to
testify to God's wonderful power
to heal.

In conclusion I want to testify
that for twenty-five years Jesus
has been my only physician and
I find in Him all I need for soul
and body. It makes me feel like
singing, "What a wonderful
Savior is Jesus my Lord!"

My prayer is that this may en-
courage some dear child of God
to trust Him more fully. Amen.

Your unworthy brother,
I. M. Davoe.

PAYING TITHES A BLESSING
(Continued from page 1.)

was important. It continues
right on into the New Testament
although not mentioned very
much. It is like a thread that
runs all the way through from
Melchisedec and Abraham to
Jesus and His followers.

Jesus said to the Jews, "If ye
were Abraham's children, ye
would do the works of Abraham."
(John 8:39.) Paul accounted
the Gentiles or anybody who are
of faith the children of Abraham,
then that takes us in; and under
the above analogy it should be
said, "If ye were Abraham's
children, ye would do the works
of Abraham." This means that
along with the other works he
did he paid tithes. Following
this analogy then, in order for
us to be the children of Abra-
ham, we will have to pay
tithes.

This, like everything else will
have to be done willingly, if
the blessings follow. God does
not force people to be baptized.
He does not compel us to wash
one another's feet. He wants
a willing service. It is the
willing and obedient that shall
eat the good of the land.
Only one tenth of our income is
cheap rent for all of God's bless-
ings. He gives the sunshine and
the rain. He gives the fertility
of the soil to grow our crops.
He gives the gold, the silver, the
iron, the copper and everything
else we possess and only requires
one tenth of all and wants us to
have ninetenths for our wages.
That is more than most land
owners would rent land for.

After considering this subject
very briefly it makes me feel like
teaching tithing stronger than
ever, and I believe it is not out
of place to encourage all of our
ministers to read up on the sub-
ject and become enthused about
it and get all of our people more
interested in this great subject.

I believe the paying of tithes
is one condition to meet in order
that God's blessings may be
poured out abundantly upon the
Church of God. Come on be-
loved, let us do more of this.
God has challenged us and said,
Now prove me, and see if I will
not pour out such a blessing that
will be greater than you can re-
ceive. Hallelujah!

St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Saints—Greetings to You
All:

I am truly praising God for
full salvation this happy new
year. I am more determined to
press on than ever before. Jesus
is so precious to me.

We had a glorious time Christ-
mas. One brother was saved,
sanctified and filled with the Holy
Ghost. Others are seeking the
experience.

We beg an interest in your
prayers that this may be a year
of jubilee with us in bringing
souls to Christ.

Your brother in Christ,
Wm. Tarver.

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